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Army completes activities to close ABCDF

The U.S. Army recently announced all activities required to close the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., are complete.

ABCDF safely neutralized 1,623 tons of mustard agent, decontaminated and disposed of the steel containers that once held the agent and demolished buildings used during the disposal process. For the full story, visit <http://www.army.mil/news/2007/03/13/2233-army-neutralizes-1623-tons-of-mustard-agent-meets-requirements-for-aberdeen-chemical-agent-disposal-facility-closure/>.

APSL receives international accreditation, renews ISO

The Army Primary Standards Laboratory, Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., recently received two international recognitions for the high standards the lab must maintain to provide DoD with critical metrology support.

APSL achieved accreditation to the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission international quality standard for metrology and calibration laboratories, or the ISO/IEC 17025:2005. The lab also successfully renewed its ISO 9001:2000 for the fourth time since 1998. For more information about the APSL, visit <https://tmdehome.redstone.army.mil/apsl2k.htm>.

USASAC's AH-1 Cobra Refurbishment Program delivers aircraft to Pakistan

The U.S. Army Security Assistance Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., recently delivered eight refurbished Cobra helicopters to Pakistan as part of the AH-1 Cobra Refurbishment Program.

The aircraft are needed to modernize Pakistan's air fleet and assist in the Global War on Terrorism. Four additional vehicles are due to Pakistan this summer and eight more Cobras are set for delivery next year. For more information about USASAC, visit <http://www.usasac.army.mil/>.

TACOM LARs providing support on new arms

TACOM Life Cycle Management Command Logistics Assistance Representatives, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, are providing Soldiers in Iraq operator, unit armor and direct support maintenance training on the new FN303 Less Than Lethal Launcher.

The launcher, which the Army uses to enforce the lower end of conflict, fires a .68 caliber round that is powered by compressed air. For more information on the FN303, visit <http://www.fnherstal.com/html/Index.htm>.

'Homemade' tool saves Tobyhanna \$87,000 per year

A Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., employee designed a tool that eases the Black Hawk repair process, resulting in approximately \$87,800 in annual savings.

Technicians were using extra-long needle nose pliers and surgical clamps to grip the hard-to-reach press nuts, which sometimes damaged inner components or destroyed the control panel. The new angled 1/8-inch open-end wrench requires about \$1 worth of steel and 30 minutes to produce, and reduces the work time from 15 minutes to less than 30 seconds while eliminating the risk to components. For the full story, visit <http://www.army.mil/news/2007/01/29/1560-homemade-tool-will-save-87000-per-year/>.

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